'Public Order' and 'Police' being State subjects, it is for the concerned State Governments to devise various methods and take concrete steps to curb left wing extremist activities in the States. A high level Coordination Centre, regularly reviews and coordinates steps taken by States to check left extremist activities.

Intelligence inputs regarding the plans and activities of extremist groups are shared with the States from time to time. Funds are also provided for modernization of State Police Forces, to equip them to tackle the problem effectively. Emphasis is given to special training to the police forces in anti-extremist operations.

NHRC Visit to Gujarat

4281. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) ever visited Gujarat when churches were burnt/brought down and after the Staines incident in Orissa; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has received several complaints from various individuals/organisations alleging demolition of churches in the State of Gujarat. However, it was brought to the notice of the Commission that the National Commission for Minorities (NCM) was also seized of the matter. The NCM had also sent a fact-finding team to Gujarat headed by one of its members. Therefore, the Commission observed that it would not be appropriate for it to embark upon a parallel inquiry in view of the provisions contained under section 36(1) of the Protection of Human Rights Act.